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[CLAIMS]

1. Method of assessing the quality of the recording characteristics
of a hard copy recorder comprising the steps of

5 - retrieving from a memory a digital signal representation of a
test image,
- controlling the recorder to generate a hard copy of said test
image corresponding with said digital signal representation,
10 - performing at least one density measurement on the hard copy of
said test image by means of a densitometer part of said recorder,
- generating a digital quality report of said hard copy recorder,
said quality report comprising at least the results of said
density measurement,
15 - storing said quality report.

2. Method according to claim 1 wherein said digital quality report
comprises data identifying the date of the measurement.

20 3. Method according to claim 1 wherein a hard copy of said quality
report is generated by means of said hard copy recorder.

4. A hard copy recorder comprising

25 - a memory wherein a digital signal representation of a test
image is stored,
- means for controlling said recorder to generate a hard copy
corresponding with the digital signal representation of said test
image on a recording material,
- a densitometer part of said recorder arranged for performing at
least one density measurement on said test image,
30 - means for generating a digital quality report of said hard copy
recorder, said quality report at least comprising the results of
said density measurement,
- means for storing said digital quality report.

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5. A hard copy recorder according to claim 4 arranged for generating
a hard copy of said quality report.

6. A thermal hard copy recorder according to claim 4.

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7. A thermal hard copy recorder according to claim 5.

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